

MINUTES
MANSFIELD INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 5, 2014
Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members present: Vice Chairman B. Ryan, B. Chandy, R. Hall, K. Holt, G. Lewis, P. Plante, B. Pociask, K. Rawn
Members absent: J. Goodwin
Alternates present: P. Aho, V. Ward, S. Westa
Staff present: Grant Meitzler, Inland Wetlands Agent
Jennifer Kaufman, Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator
Linda Painter, Director of Planning and Development

Vice Chairman Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and appointed Ward to act in Goodwin's absence.

Minutes:

04-07-14 - Regular Meeting- Hall MOVED, Chandy seconded, to approve the 04-07-14 minutes as written. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

04-16-14 Field Trip Minutes- Holt MOVED, Ryan seconded, to approve the 04-16-14 field trip minutes as written. MOTION PASSED with Holt and Ryan in favor and all others disqualified.

Communications: Noted.

Old Business:

W1528 – R. Mott – 368 Warrenville Rd – New house to replace mobile home

Holt MOVED, Hall seconded, to postpone action on the application of **Robert Mott** (File #W 1528) on property of **Cathy Ann Clark**, located at 368 Warrenville Road, until the next regular meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency on June 2, 2014, to allow time for the following comments to be incorporated on the submitted plan:

1. Replace retaining wall with fencing on posts;
2. Move two stockpiles at rear of lot towards the front as much as possible;;
3. Rotate the proposed house approximately 90 degrees keeping the front yard setback 43 feet back from the street line. This increases the distance to wetlands by about 20 feet, and the 43 feet maintains the required setback for a non-conforming lot.

The applicant is also advised that the separation distance between the pond and the indicated septic system area is only 40 feet. These changes are to be submitted for review by Wednesday, May 28, 2014. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

W1529 – C. Duers – 21 Hawthorne La – In ground pool

Holt MOVED, Pociask seconded, to grant an Inland Wetlands License pursuant to the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield to Christopher and Jessica Duers (File #W 1529) for installation of an in-ground pool behind an existing house, on property owned by the applicants and located at 21 Hawthorne Lane, as shown on plans dated 4/3/14, and as described in other application submissions.

This action is based on a finding of no anticipated significant impact on the wetlands, and is conditioned upon the following provisions being met:

1. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls shall be in place prior to construction and maintained during construction and removed when disturbed areas are completely stabilized;
2. All tree stumps shall be removed from the site;
3. Silt fence shall be placed along the downhill side of the work area to protect the wetlands, after the stumps have been removed. Additional silt fence shall be placed around stock piles of topsoil and excavated material.

This approval is valid for five years (until May 5, 2019), unless additional time is requested by the applicant and granted by the Inland Wetlands Agency. The applicant shall notify the Wetlands Agent before any work begins, and all work shall be completed within one year. Any extension of the activity period shall come before this agency for further review and comment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

New Business:

W1530 – Rodriguez & Pelletier – 353 Warrenville Rd – addition

Holt MOVED, Holt seconded, to receive the application submitted by Michael Rodriguez and Melissa Pelletier (File #1530) under the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for an addition to an existing single family home on property located at 353 Warrenville Road as shown on a map with a date of 4/28/14 and as described in application submissions, and to refer said application to staff and Conservation Commission for review and comments. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Appointment of new Inland Wetlands Agent

Holt MOVED, Chandy seconded, to designate Jennifer Kaufman as the Inland Wetlands Agent for the Mansfield Inland Wetlands Agency effective May 24, 2014. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Holt MOVED, Ward seconded to add a Proclamation in Honor of Grant Meitzler to the agenda under New Business. MOTION TO ADD TO THE AGENDA PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Proclamation in Honor of Grant Meitzler

MOVED by Holt, seconded by Plante, and read by Vice Chairman Ryan:

Mansfield Inland Wetlands Agency

Proclamation in Honor of Grant Meitzler, P.E.

Inland Wetlands Agent and Assistant Town Engineer

Whereas, Grant Meitzler has dedicated over 42 years of service to the Town of Mansfield, from his hiring on July 1, 1971 as a part-time Sanitarian and his subsequent promotions to Assistant Public Health Officer (1972), Senior Engineer Aide (1973), Assistant Town Engineer (1975) and interim Public Works Director (1979); and

Whereas, Mr. Meitzler has been instrumental in the adoption and implementation of Mansfield's Inland Wetlands regulations since the adoption of state statutes governing wetlands protection in 1974; and

Whereas, Mr. Meitzler has provided invaluable advice and guidance to the citizen volunteers on the Inland Wetlands Agency, Planning and Zoning Commission and Conservation Commission throughout his long tenure; and

Whereas, through a lifetime of commitment to his community, Mr. Meitzler has contributed greatly to the preservation and enhancement of Mansfield's cherished natural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mansfield Inland Wetlands Agency on behalf of the citizens of Mansfield, do hereby commend Assistant Town Engineer Grant Meitzler for his distinguished service to the Town of Mansfield. We thank you for your service and wish you the best of luck in your retirement!

AFFIRMED on this 5th day of May in the year 2014.

MOTION TO ADOPT PROCLAMATION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Other Communications and Bills: Noted.

Adjournment: The Chairman set a field trip date for 5/14/14 at 3 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Holt, Secretary